

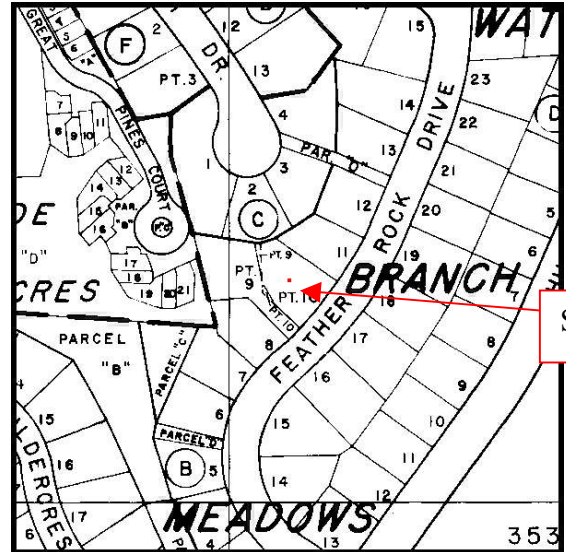
**CITY OF ROCKVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

**August 19, 2004
MEETING NO. 09-02**

APPLICATION: HDC2004-00312

DATE FILED: July 30, 2004

**APPLICANT/
OWNER:** Julia & Richard MacDonough
411 Feather Rock Drive
Rockville, MD 20850



Subject

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

The Hurley Carter House, located at 411 Feather Rock Drive (Lot P10, Block B), is a c. 1870 two-story frame Italianate-style farmhouse. It was constructed on the foundation of a previous farmhouse that burned. The property was a working farm until the late 1940s. The barns and other agricultural elements are gone. It was designated as a single site historic district in 2000 and is zoned R-90-HD.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS AT THIS ADDRESS:

BLD98-03704 Enlarge deck, replace door, install patio
MAP00-00068 Historic district Designation

REQUEST: The applicant requests a Certificate of Approval to 1) build a small addition to expand the kitchen, 2) convert a rear window to a door to provide access to the rear yard, and 3) restore the front porch.



Front façade, largely
obscured by trees

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1. *Historic, archeological, or architectural value and significance of the site or structure and its relationship to the historic, archeological, or architectural significance of the surrounding area.*

The Hurley Carter Farm House is one of very few houses in this Italianate-derived style remaining in Rockville and it is unusual in farmhouse architecture. It has been associated with the Hurley and Carter families since the farm purchase in 1852. The Hurley family was part of Rockville's agricultural history as dairy and horse farmers, and endured financial hardship to keep the family farm. Family names now denote subdivisions and streets of the western portion of the City such as Carter Hill, Guy Drive, and Hurley Avenue.

2. *The relationship of the exterior architectural features of the structure to the remainder of the entire structure and to the surrounding area.*

The house is quite large and it is situated at approximately a 45 degree angle to Feather Rock Drive. The main (northeast) façade is five bays with a small, low-pitched center gable at the roofline. The roof is covered with stamped, patterned tin shingles. The original chimney in the west is internal, while a later stovepipe flue is attached to the exterior was on the east end; both are brick.

The shuttered windows are two-over-two, double hung and there is a central doorway with a transom light. Decorative trim appears in the form of paired brackets under the cornice, and there are simple scroll boards nailed over the window heads. There is a two-story ell on the rear.

The rear porch was enclosed about 1945 and topped with a second story bedroom. This includes the kitchen area that is to be expanded as part of this project. The front porch was removed (to be restored as part of this project) and a brick stoop added. Currently there is no direct access from the house to the rear yard. Conversion of a window in the family room will create a direct access.

3. *The general compatibility of exterior design, scale, proportion, arrangement, texture, and materials proposed to be used.*

The covered front porch is to be restored following the attached old photograph that includes the original porch. There will be three steps in the front and two steps off the side of the porch. The four Tuscan Doric columns will be 8-inch reinforced fiberglass on stucco piers (to match house) with flagstone caps. The porch deck will be painted tongue & groove wood, or the option of Ipe (natural) or painted Tendura. Stair treads and risers will be painted wood. The ceiling will be 1x4 painted beaded wood. Half-round gutters and round downspouts will be installed.

The kitchen expansion will occur in the 1945 concrete addition and will improve both the exterior appearance of this area and the internal use. The addition will continue to be slightly inset from the original portion of the house but will square off and enlarge the area between the living room and the garage to provide a more functional kitchen. The existing door will remain and a stoop and steps will be added. A new wood double hung window will replace the existing window left of the door.

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The proposed family room exterior door that replaces a window is not visible from the right-of-way and will provide access to the rear yard. One existing window will be retained and moved slightly and a new matching wood window will be installed on the other side of the door.



Southwest side façade is directly visible from Feather Rock Drive. The deck and railing will be removed and replaced with a stoop and steps. The non-original window next to the garage will be replaced.

Kitchen expansion area



This family room (lower) window will be replaced with a door. The window will be retained and moved next to the new door and a new in-kind window will be installed on the other side of the door. This area is not visible from the right-of-way.

Materials Table

Feature	Front porch	Kitchen addition	Family Room
Roof	Painted standing seam metal	Painted standing seam metal	
Trim/soffits	Painted wood	Painted wood	
Columns	4 - Structural reinforced fiberglass; 8" diameter; Tuscan Doric, smooth, painted		
Column piers	Stucco/ texture & color to match house; flagstone cap		
Porch deck/stair treads	Tongue & Groove, painted. (Optional Ipe or Tendura)		
Porch fascia/stair risers	Painted wood		
Gutters/downspouts	Aluminum 4" half round gutters/3" round downspouts		
Ceiling	1x4 painted beaded wood		
Exterior walls		Stucco/ texture & color to match house	
Door		Existing to remain	Wood/single glazed TDL/aluminum storm window
Windows		Wood double hung/single glazed TDL/aluminum storm window	Re-use existing/aluminum storm window/ New wood double hung single glazed TDL/ aluminum storm window
Window/door trim			Painted wood

4. To any other factors, including aesthetic factors, which the Commission deems to be pertinent.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the HDC approve HDC2004-00312 to build a small addition to expand the kitchen, 2) convert a rear window to a door to provide access to the rear yard but retain and reuse the window, and 3) restore the front porch, all as shown on submitted plans and materials list.